

The Barker

The newsletter of
the Greater
Lincoln
Obedience Club



Announcements

AGILITY News: Willing to help at the GLOC agility trials on April 28-30? Then attend a training for agility helpers on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. Learn how to set up and take down equipment, how to be a jump or chute steward, how to time and scribe, among other things. The training will be held at the State Fairgrounds at the food court. Any questions? Contact Mary Schweitzer or Jayne Sebbly for more information.

NEBRASKA Boston Terrier Rescue: Will be having their annual "Spring Fling" on April 30th from 12:00 (noon) to 3:00 p.m. This event will be held at Chalco Hills Park in Omaha (from I-80, follow the signs) and will feature several events for Bostons and the people who love them. If you own one of these sweeties or just want to meet a bunch, plan to attend. Call 402-691-0576 or 402-210-6540 for more information.

A Note About Collars

Just a brief note to remind all members that the goal of obedience training is to have a dog that is responsive and works with you regardless of whether he has a collar on or not. We have a wide variety of training tools at our disposal, among them prong collars, chain correction collars, slip leads, head-halters, clickers, electronic collars, so on and so forth. No matter what the device you need to use to initially communicate with your canine friend, the goal is always to work to a standard where your dog obeys you whether she is naked or not. Placing a training collar around a dog's neck and letting it do all the work without truly training your dog is leaving your job half-done.

~Editorial Opinion

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GREATER LINCOLN OBEDIENCE CLUB BOARD MEETING**Minutes: March 2, 2006**

Members present: Nancy Bowen, Jayne Seby, Judy Vitamvas, Elbert Traylor, Dave Hayes, Vince Kamrath, Hope Sass, Jennifer Brown, Cheryl Griffith, Mary Schweitzer.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 2006 were corrected to reflect that the three-day agility event will occur at the Fall trial rather than the spring trial as reported. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Jayne Seby and detailed elsewhere in the Barker.

Correspondence: Sympathy card sent to Nancy Bowen for the loss of her dog Gus.

Agility Committee: Judy Vitamvas reported that she needs to get the contract completed for the Fall three-day agility trial to be held at the Events Center. The plan is to set up the course very early Friday morning (Oct. 6) and have three full days of agility competition. The Spring Trial (held April 28, 29, and 30), will have a Friday evening event for Excellent class. Please call Judy at 423-1498 to volunteer for all or part of these major events.

Obedience Committee: No report on Fall 2006 obedience trial. Elbert Traylor has not yet had a conversation with Kathy Platte about doing an obedience seminar.

Flyball: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

Building: Nancy Bowen reported she contacted the management company for the building and requested they repair the leak in the gutter that creates the icy lake on the parking lot and that they repair the exterior light on our end of the common area of the parking lot. Elbert Traylor volunteered to change the overhead light bulbs. The board approved having the Nebraska Dog and Hunt Club use the GLOC building for their meeting on 3/5/06.

New Business: Elbert will offer a Canine Good Citizen test on March 14, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Corrections were made to the membership list. Discussion of new building centered around topics of leasing half versus whole building and implementation of new revenue-generating ideas. Further discussion will follow the GLOC general meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Bowen, Recording Secretary

GREATER LINCOLN OBEDIENCE CLUB GENERAL MEETING**Minutes: March 2, 2006**

Members present: Cheryl Griffith, Vince Kamrath, Walt Nasalik, Shirley Nasalik, Jodi Hiskey, Kim Wiseman, Hope Sass, Ann Kleimola, Pat Wiseman, Pat Robidoux, Jerry Harder, Lucy Miller, Carrie Johnstone, David Hayes, Susan Taylor, Georgette Wolters, Heather Curry, Darrin Curry, Jeff Kulhanek, Heather Kulhanek, Chris Lehman, Dara Almanza, Noelle Sheridan, Brandi Hatch, Michelle McFall, Pat McFall, Jayne Seby, Mary Schweitzer, Jennifer Brown, Judy Vitamvas, Don Tuttle, Kathy Zupancic, Greg Anderson, Mike Stuefer, Sandy Wacker, Sherry Wolf, Elbert Traylor, Steve Simpson.

Guests: Hannah Almanza, Kathleen Wingard.

Janet Ball called the meeting to order and asked for members and guests to introduce themselves, their dogs, and share brags.

Minutes: Minutes of the 2/2/06 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer: Report printed elsewhere in the Barker. Jayne Seby reported on some large expenditures for gas, revenue tax, insurance, and a deposit for the Events Center. There has been a significant increase in gas use that is not related to a faulty furnace. Members were reminded to turn the thermostat down to 50 degrees when they leave the building.

Correspondence: Sympathy card sent to Nancy Bowen. Cheryl Griffith reported sending out 102 letters regarding the discussion of leasing a new building.

Agility: A beginning agility class will start April 5, Wed., at 7:00pm. There will also be an agility class starting on April 4, Tues., at 8:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for the agility trial scheduled for April 28-30. The Excellent class will run on Friday evening and all classes will run on Sat. and Sun.

Obedience: Nothing new to report about the Fall 2006 trial.

Flyball: Flyball practice begins at 8:00 pm. The flyball team will participate in the Wichita tournament and will compete in a competition in Omaha on April 1 and 2.

Building: Nancy Bowen reported contacting the management company to request some repairs to the external common areas including gutters and lights.

New Members:

First Readings:

Pat and Michelle McFall with a Border Collie named "Duddits,"

Kathleen Wingard who has three Labs,

Second Readings:

Brandy Hatch with a Vizsla named "Mia",

Program: Elbert Traylor and Dave Hayes presented information on the Canine Good Citizen test and demonstrated several of the required ten exercises of the test. A CGC test will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 7:00 in the GLOC building.

New Business: Discussion was held using the format of members signing up for three minute speaking slots until all members who want to speak have had an opportunity to do so. The speakers were responding to a letter outlining the fiscal issues of acquiring a specific building and the proposed sources of new revenue for the club. Speakers presented the following responses to the proposal that the club rent a 10,800 square foot building at the rate of \$3,000 dollars per month.

- Figures presented for revenue and costs are "soft" estimates and errors could drain the resources of the club.
- Estimates do not take into consideration the up and down cycles of classes filling. Start-up costs, e.g. mats, will use all revenue and will exhaust the instructors.
- Lots of costs mean more work for members with fewer benefits and will lead to burn-out of the volunteers.
- Not enough people to instruct now, much less many new classes. Will generate competition between agility and obedience and flyball interests.
- Fundamental flaw in price and class structure. Raising the price of classes will result in fewer students. Not a fiscally responsible plan.
- Questions on the allocation of space for the various events.
- Likes getting free from high prices of Events Center and being able to accommodate more activities. Bathroom is an issue. Wants clarification on use of three acres of outdoor space.
- Building would be the best facility in the geographic area for flyball activities. Lots of opportunity for expansion for flyball and other activities.
- Having a nice building would draw more participants to all GLOC activities.
- Does not want club to go broke but we are desperate for space.
- It is time for a bigger building but this one is too big of a leap, especially with the financial estimates presented in the letter.
- Enthusiasm of this kind of a big step forward is infectious among the members and can be an antidote for burnout.
- A wonderful facility but too big of a financial leap. Will need to increase the participation of young and energetic people in the club.
- Need to compare financial figures with the recent history of club income. Moderation needed.
- Rent some additional space now and acquire more space in a few years.

- Going from \$1,000 a month rent to \$3,000 per month is a huge jump. Use both your head and heart in making decision.
- Enthusiastic support of new building.
- Too many unknown factors to be comfortable with this level of risk.
- Concerns about financial liability of members if club unable to pay the rent.
- Need building large enough to get away from the Events Center. Taking the middle ground will not solve the financial worries of the club. Growth of activities, especially holding trials and new classes, will generate enough new members and new revenue to support the building.

Following discussion, paper ballots were distributed and members were asked to vote. A vote "FOR" allows the Board to continue researching the Johanna Street building and possibly entering into a contract to move the club to that location. A vote "AGAINST" halts any further action toward renting the Johanna Street building.

Votes FOR = 21, votes AGAINST = 16

Members were asked to support the decision of the majority of the club. The Board will meet in a special session to discuss items and issues to be included in the contract negotiations for the building.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Bowen, Recording Secretary

JANUARY, 2006, TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>JAN., 2006</u>	<u>FEB., 2006</u>	<u>MAR., 2006*</u>	<u>YTD</u>
INCOME	\$ 643.75	\$ 588.75	\$ 120.00	\$ 1352.50
PAID OUT	\$ 2974.21	\$ 452.06	\$ 2664.88	\$ 6091.15
TOTALS	\$(2330.46)	\$ 136.69	\$ (2544.88)	\$(4738.65)

*As of March 10, 2006.

BALANCES

CHECKING	\$ 1334.67
MONEY MARKET	\$ 6385.45
CD 1 (\$5000)	\$ 5174.96
CD 2 (\$25000)	<u>\$25875.15</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$38770.23</u>

NOTE: Total interest earned from February 14, 2006, to March 10, 2006 is \$78.48.

Social Saturdays

Meet At Restaurant at 7 pm Unless Stated Otherwise

April 8: Red Onion, (Downtown Holiday Inn, 144 N. 9th - Park in the garage and the restaurant will validate your parking ticket)

April 22: Rib Ranch, 6440 O St.

PHONE LIST



<i>Apr. 2 Alicia Graybill</i>	<i>May 7 Janet Ball</i>
<i>Apr. 9 Sharon Hayes</i>	<i>May 14 Alicia Graybill</i>
<i>Apr. 16 Marcy Graybill</i>	<i>May 21 Sharon Hayes</i>
<i>Apr. 23 Judy Vitamvas</i>	<i>May 28 Marcy Graybill</i>
<i>Apr. 30 Sharon Hayes</i>	<i>Jun.4 Judy Vitamvasl</i>

Selected Web Sites for Dog Events

Note: We will carry information on individual events if space permits.

AKC

<http://www.akc.org/events/search/index.cfm>

UKC Obedience, Agility and Conformation*

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/dogevents/upcoming/index.shtml>

Canine Performance Events (Agility)*

<http://www.k9cpe.com/events.htm>

USDAA *

<http://www.usdaa.com/events.cfm>

NADAC*

http://www.nadac.com/calendar%20of%20events/Listing_of_trials.htm

Show-n-Goes, Fun Matches, Correction Matches

Companion Dog Club Show-N-Go *

<http://www.k9webs.com/companion/showngo.htm>

Agility Fun Runs At KenL Inn * (\$5.00)

Noah's Show-And-Gos, Crete NE *

Contact Diane Nitz hpyk9s@yahoo.com for more information

NAFA Flyball Tournaments *

<http://www.flyball.org>

*Indicates organization allows mixed breeds and non-AKC recognized breeds to participate.

Good News!

Dandy won 3 first places out of 4 runs at the SCAT CPE trial. --Submitted by Mike Stuefer

Jill Morstad and Lark (Belgian Tervuren) finished their Utility title in February at the Des Moines obedience trials. Lark is now Ch. Jamaica The Painted Prairie UD. --Submitted by Jill Morstad

Diego finished his USDAA Advanced title and earned his first Masters Standard leg in February. He also finished his CPE CATCH title at the SCAT trial in February. He q'd 9 out of 10 runs.

Frankie earned another Advanced leg and Advanced Jumpers and Gamble legs at the USDAA trial. She also q'd 8 out of 10 runs at the SCAT CPE trial. Frankie also earned two Elite Tunnelers legs at the NADAC trial in March.

Splash finished her CL2-S, and earned 3 legs towards her CL4-R title plus two legs at Level 4 in Jackpot also at the CPE trial. --Submitted by Pat and Harry Guticz

Do you have a brag or a new puppy? Send information to the editor (glocbarker@gmail.com) by the 15th of each month.

Area Seminars

Grand Island Kennel Club is offering "**Implementation and Use of the Electronic Training Collar**" on **April 22, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** taught by **Mike Kerby**. Cost \$43. Prerequisites: Dog must know basic obedience commands such as "sit," "heel," and "down." Participants must provide their own electronic collars. Registration deadline is **April 10, 2006**. Contact Caroline Buettner (goldcreek97@aol.com) or Lucy Kerby (lkimagine@msn.com) or call 308-385-4949 for more information.

North American Search Dog Network (NASDN) will hold a **Multi-Purpose K9 Seminar and Evaluation** at Camp Kitaki in South Bend, Nebraska, from **April 6-12, 2006**. NASDN Membership is not required. A registration fee of \$250 includes meals and lodging at the camp. For further information please go to <http://www.nasdn.org> or contact Eileen VanLent, 402-475-1738.

Forthcoming seminars at the Nebraska Humane Society include those featuring Turid Rugaas (author of Calming Signals), June 24-28, 2006 and Pat Miller, August 5-11, 2006, 8829 Fort St., Omaha, Nebraska. For more information, contact Val Poulton at vpoulton@nehumanesociety.org or 402-444-7800, ext. 151.

TRAINING CALENDAR

Members must pre-register for regular classes with Elbert Traylor at 435-7886 to receive their discount. Direct your non-member friends to register with Southeast Community College: <http://www.southeast.edu/> All obedience classes taught at the GLOC building, unless otherwise specified. All agility and flyball classes held at the Food Court at the State Fair Park, unless otherwise specified. For directions, see the web site (www.glocdogs.org). For now, for agility classes contact Mary Schweitzer at schweitzerautomotive@binary.net. For flyball, contact Alicia Graybill at a_graybill@yahoo.com.

Class	Day	Start Date	Time	Number of Sessions	Class Limit	Cost
Puppy Manners	Mon	1-May	7:00	6	10	\$40
	Wed	9-Aug			15	
Basic Obedience	Mon	17-Apr	8:00	8	10	\$55
	Tues	02-May	8:00			
	Wed	31-May	7:00			
	Mon	17-Jul	7:00			
	Tues	18-Jul	6:00			
	Wed	2-Aug	8:00			
Intermediate Obedience*	Mon	13-Mar	7:00	6	10	\$40
	Wed	31-May	8:00			
CGC Testing	Wed	15-Mar	7:00	1	TBD	TBD
Novice Competition	Wed	12-Apr	8:00	6	10	\$40
Flyball**	Mon	14-Aug	8:00	6	6	\$40
Tricks	TBD	TBD	TBD	4	15	\$30
Steps: Level 1	Sat	6-May	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
	Sat	15-Jul	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
	Sat	12-Aug	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
	Sat	9-Sept	10:00 am	10	5	\$65
Beginning Agility	Wed	11-May	8:00	10	12	\$65
	Wed	12-Jul	7:00			
Advanced Agility	Tues	10-May	8:00	10	12	\$65
	Tues	11-Jul				

* The Intermediate Obedience class is now permanently 6 weeks.

** Flyball narrative: Flyball is a competitive team sport for dog enthusiasts and their canine partners. Dogs race through a series of hurdles to retrieve a ball and return through the hurdles to deliver the ball to the handler. Dogs are sent through the course in relay fashion. Teams compete for successful completion of the course in the fastest time. This class teaches the basic skills you need to introduce your dog to this fun and exciting sport.

**Drop In OBEDIENCE Every Thursday Except the 1st Week of the Month
BASIC/NOVICE at 7pm and OPEN/UTILITY at 8pm (\$2)
Open AGILITY Training Sundays at 3:00 at the Food Court at the State Fair Park (\$2)**

Greater Lincoln Obedience Club, Board of Directors & Committees

President	Janet Ball	5015 W. Kingsley Lincoln, NE 68524	416-5540
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	Hope Sass	1540 N. 2nd Rd. Eagle, NE 68347	781-2864
	Elbert Traylor	802 Judson St., Lincoln NE 68521	435-7886

Committee Chairs

Agility	Mary Schweitzer	3130 N 61st St., Lincoln, NE 68507	467-5235
Awards	Janet Ball	5015 W. Kingsley Lincoln, NE 68524	416-5540
Building	Nancy Bowen	421 S. 54th St., Lincoln, NE 68510	327-9457
Fall Obedience Trial	Sherry Wolf-Drbal	4430 Van Dorn St. Lincoln, NE 68506	489-8069
	and Janet Ball	5015 W. Kingsley Lincoln, NE 68524	470-2171
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Membership	Sharon Hayes	3429 Woodbine Ave., Lincoln, NE 68516	488-8983
Programs	(no chair--Interested? Call 416-5540 and speak to Janet!)		
Public Relations	Cheryl Griffith	1633 Frisco Dr., Lincoln NE 68521	742-6605
Training Director	Elbert Traylor	802 Judson St., Lincoln NE 68521	435-7886
GLOC Training Building	4910 N. 57th St. (far east suite)		464-6529
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